

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to communication of 25 April 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3, 5-14, 16-22, 24 and 25.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 12 September 2003 and 25 April 2005 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

Drawings

1. Replacement drawing page for Figures 1 and 2 was received with the amendment of April 25, 2005. The replacement drawing page is accepted and the objection to the drawings is withdrawn.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Morey Wildes on July 8, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

3. Claim 1, line 12: "portion" has been changed to - - point - -.
4. Claim 1, line 12: - - , said cut out region having a width greater than the width of said slit - - has been added after "slit".
5. Claim 12, line 7: - - , each slit comprising an entry point at said top edge of said blank and a terminal point at least partway across said blank;
a cut out region within said blank at said terminal point of each slit, said cut out region having a width greater than the width of said slit - - has been added after "edge".
6. Claim 12, line 13: " . " has been replaced by - - , and - -.
7. Claim 12, lines 14 through 20 have been deleted.
8. Claim 21, line 6: - - each cut comprising an entry point at said top edge of said body and a terminal point at least partway across said body, a cut out region within said

body at said terminal point of each cut, said cut out region having a width greater than the width of said cut, - - has been added after "edge,".

9. Claim 21, line 11: " . " has been replaced by - - , and - -.
10. Claim 21 lines 12 through 18 have been deleted.
11. Claim 22 line 1: "slit is cut" has been replaced by - - cut is - -.
12. Claims 26, 27 and 28 are cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

13. Claims 1-3, 5-14, 16-22, 24 and 24 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Harry A. Grosso whose telephone number is 571-272-4539. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 7am to 4 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Newhouse can be reached on 571-272-4544. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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REPLACEMENT SHEET

FIGURE 1 - PRIOR ART

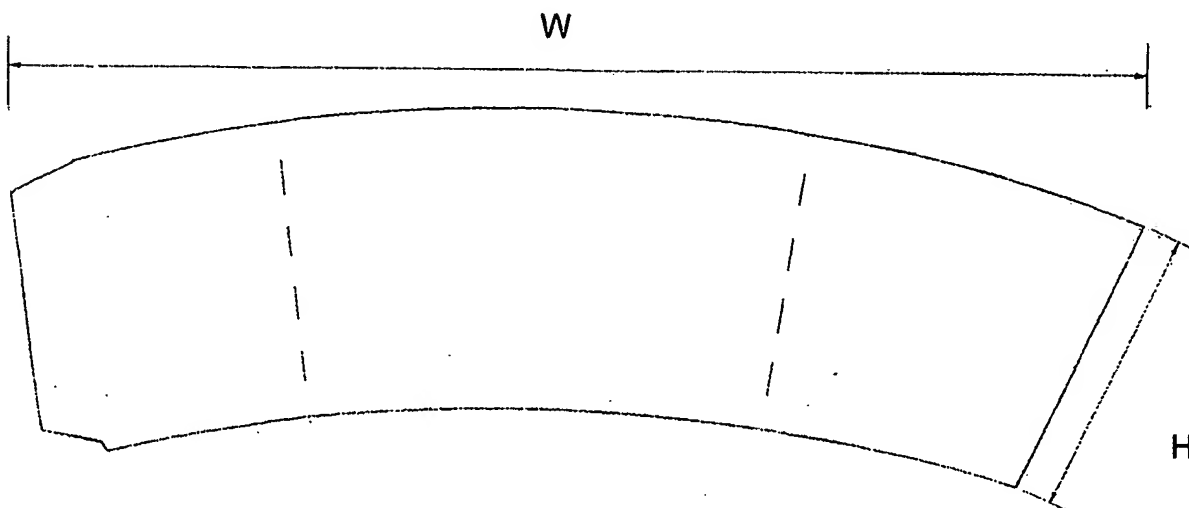


FIGURE 2 - PRIOR ART

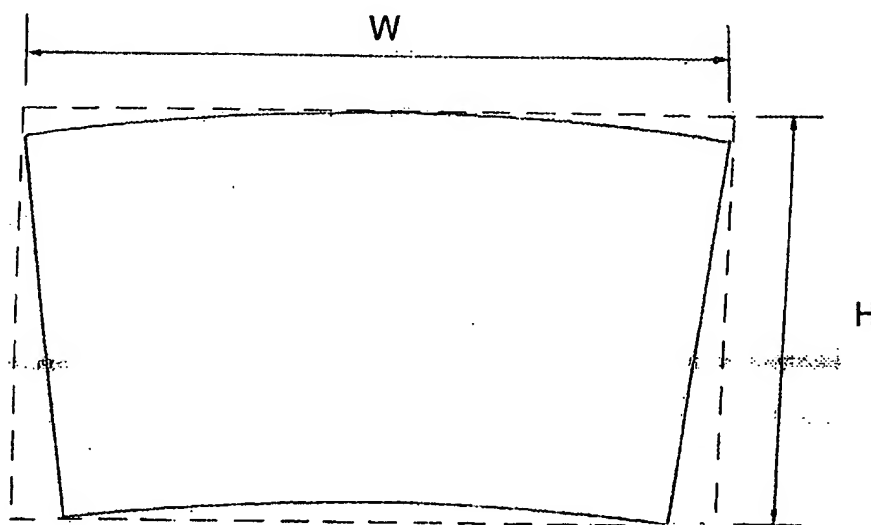
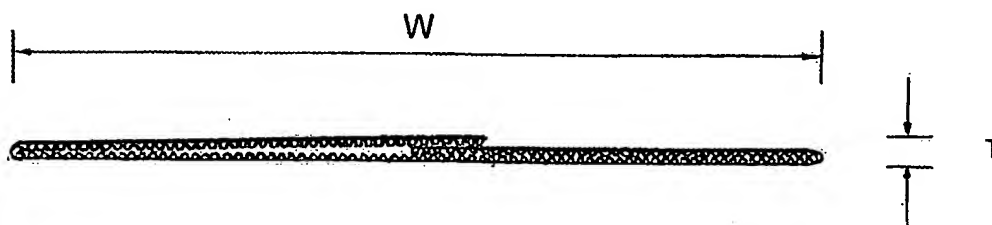


FIGURE 3



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